I am in favor for keeping Element 1 testing in the General Class License. If a person wants a Ham license,5 words per minute is not that hard to learn. Ham radio operators need to be able to communicate in SSB and CW in an emergency. Remember, CW will get through when SSB will not, with less power. With the world as it is today and after 911 we don't need to be cutting down on our communications methods for new Hams. Cutting the CW requirements is not the answer. Lets take the lead in the world not follow them. Thanks for your interest,